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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 27-31 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16-26, 32-40 and 43-56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 7, 13, 15, 41 and 42 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 December 1999 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

This application, filed under former 37 CFR 1.60, lacks formal drawings. The informal drawings filed in this application are acceptable for examination purposes. When the application is allowed, applicant will be required to submit new formal drawings. In unusual circumstances, the formal drawings from the abandoned parent application may be transferred by the grant of a petition under 37 CFR 1.182.

Claim 1-56 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16-26, 32-40, and 43-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent # 6,256,030 ("Berry et al.").

As to claims 1, 8, 17, 22, 32, 36, 43, and 52, Berry et al. teach a screen display (16) with a picture (15) (Fig.1) corresponding to a display showing an image; and, a mouse Fig.1 (13) corresponding to a navigation sensor, whereby a movement of said electronic device relative to a surface in close proximity to said navigation sensor is sensed by said navigation sensor and said movement includes moving said display and

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said movement produces a change in said image that is showing on said display. The movement of the mouse moves the cursor on the display screen 16 where the mouse is in close proximity relative to the surface and the movement also includes moving the display, which produces a change in the display every time the cursor moves to a different location. The prior art does not explicitly teach a navigation sensor. The prior art teaches a mouse using by the user to control navigation between levels.

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify the mouse to achieve the function of the navigation sensor because this would provide the navigation between levels of a composite object in a predictably graphical user interface in a pointing device.

As to claims 2-5, Berry et al. teach the command to move the cursor on the display Fig.1 (15) corresponding to moving a cursor displayed on said display; it is inherent to scroll and panning in a graphical user interface because the cursor can be used to navigate corresponding to scrolling at least part of said image displayed on said display; a screen display Fig.1 (16) which displays the coordinates data defines by the cursor location corresponding to displaying a first part of a scanned image; a screen display Fig.1 (16) which displays another coordinates data when the cursor moves to change to a different part of the display showing a different part of a second image at least part of which is displayed on said display

As for claims 9-12, 14, and 16, Berry et al. teach the command to move the cursor on the display Fig.1 (15) corresponding to moving a cursor displayed on said display; it is inherent to scroll and panning in a graphical user interface because the

cursor can be used to navigate corresponding to scrolling at least part of said image displayed on said display; a screen display Fig.1 (16) which displays the coordinates data defines by the cursor location corresponding to displaying a first part of a scanned image; a screen display Fig.1 (16) which displays another coordinates data when the cursor moves to change to a different part of he display showing a different part of a second image at least part of which is displayed on said display.

As for claims 17 and 22, Berry et al. teach a mouse using by the user to control navigation between levels Fig.1 (130) where the mouse has a photo sensor to detect movement corresponding to moving the entire device including said display relative to a surface upon which said device is placed. When the mouse moves relative to the surface the display moves according to the cursor displacement where X and Y have a new set of coordinates.

As to claims 18-21 and 23-26, Berry et al. teach the command to move the cursor on the display Fig.1 (15) corresponding to moving a cursor displayed on said display; it is inherent to scroll and panning in a graphical user interface because the cursor can be used to navigate corresponding to scrolling at least part of said image displayed on said display; a screen display Fig.1 (16) which displays the coordinates data defines by the cursor location corresponding to displaying a first part of a scanned image; a screen display Fig.1 (16) which displays another coordinates data when the cursor moves to change to a different part of he display showing a different part of a second image at least part of which is displayed on said display.

As for claim 32, Berry et al. teach a screen display Fig.1 (16) which displays the coordinates data defines by the cursor location corresponding to displaying a first part of a scanned image; a screen display Fig.1 (16) which displays another coordinates data when the cursor moves to change to a different part of he display corresponding to displaying a second part of said scanned image in response to relative movement between a scanning device and a surface in close proximity to said scanning device. The examiner interpreted the mouse Fig.1 (13) as a scanner.

As to claims 33-35, 37-40, and 44-56, Berry et al. teach the command to move the cursor on the display Fig.1 (15) corresponding to moving a cursor displayed on said display; it is inherent to scroll and panning in a graphical user interface because the cursor can be used to navigate corresponding to scrolling at least part of said image displayed on said display; a screen display Fig.1 (16) which displays the coordinates data defines by the cursor location corresponding to displaying a first part of a scanned image; a screen display Fig.1 (16) which displays another coordinates data when the cursor moves to change to a different part of he display showing a different part of a second image at least part of which is displayed on said display.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6, 7, 13, 15, 41, and 42 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 27-31 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the claimed invention is directed to an electronic scanning device. Dependent claims 6, 13, and 41 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "a first button, whereby said movement of said part of said user and said first button may be operated in cooperation to mimic at least one function of a computer mouse being used with a graphical user interface". Dependent claims 7, 15, and 42 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "a second button, whereby said movement of said part of said user, said first button, and said second button may be operated in cooperation to mimic more than one function of a computer mouse being used with a graphical user interface". Independent claim 27 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "an image sensor for scanning an image; a display that displays a first part of a scanned version of said image, a navigation sensor that detects relative movement between said scanning device and a surface in close proximity to said navigation sensor whereby said relative movement changes said display to displaying a second part of said scanned version of said image". The closest art Berry et al. as discussed above fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean Lesperance whose telephone number is (703) 308-6413. The examiner can normally be reached on from Monday to Friday between 8:00AM and 4:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe, can be reached on (703) 305-4709 .

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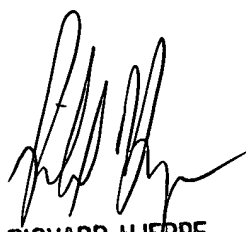
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